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**An Act To Increase Leaves of Absence for State
Employees and Officials Who Are Members of the National
Guard or Reserves of the United States Armed Forces**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §342, sub-§5, ¶B, as amended by PL 2003, c. 583, §7, is further amended to read:

B. All officials and employees of the State who are members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces must have a leave of absence not to exceed ~~17~~30 work days each calendar year from their respective duties, without loss of pay or time, when performing military duty and without loss of time or leave for all other military duty, during which the members are so engaged.

SUMMARY

This bill increases from 17 work days per year to 30 work days per year the paid leave of absence that must be given to officials and employees of the State who are members of the National Guard or Reserves of the United States Armed Forces while those officials or employees are performing military duty.